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*Via AF Liaison*

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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Appointment of General Officer to Ad Hoc Committee.

*NSC action 5413 or 519*

1. On 30 August 1951 the National Security Council approved a draft directive by the Director of Central Intelligence on a Project to Provide a More Adequate Basis for Planning the Security of the United States. This project was to consist of:

- a. An estimate by the Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC) of Soviet capabilities to launch military attack on the United States;
- b. An evaluation by the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) of the U.S. capability to repel such a military attack;
- c. An estimate by the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference (IIC) of Soviet capabilities for clandestine attack and subversive action against the U.S.;
- d. An evaluation by the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security (ICIS) of the U.S. capability to resist such a clandestine attack; and
- e. A final evaluation of the net capabilities of the enemy, to be prepared from the foregoing estimates.

2. Subsequently it was decided that the Director of Central Intelligence would invite JCS, ICIS, and IAC to participate in creating an ad hoc committee composed of at least one senior officer or official of flag rank from JCS, ICIS, IIC, and IAC to make the final evaluation called for in "e" above.

3. All work on the project has now been completed except for the final evaluation by the ad hoc committee. [redacted] and Vice-25X1A9a [redacted] have been appointed to represent CIA, and Major General John L. McKee, USA, to represent JCS on the ad hoc committee. Appointments of IIC and ICIS members are expected within a week.

4. On 26 June the IAC agreed that its representative should be an Air Force general officer. During the discussion of this matter, the IAC Chairman indicated that it would be difficult for the head of one of

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the IAC operating agencies to serve on this ad hoc committee without serious encroachment upon his normal duties. The D/I, USAF agrees with this position, for the IAC representative will need to be available for a 15 to 30 day period although he will have to devote all his time to the work of the committee.